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In re Application of

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PETITION DECISION

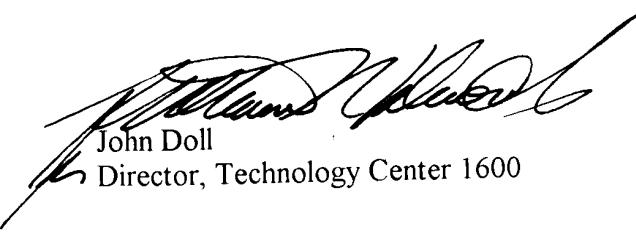
This letter is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.103(a), received August 24, 2001, seeking suspension of action in this application for a period of six months.

A review of the file history shows that applicants responded to the last Office action on August 21, 2001, and that the response is a complete response.

Applicants seek suspension of action due to the need to complete experiments to demonstrate the enabling quality of the specification which experiments should be completed by early 2002 and may result in allowance of the application when presented..

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. Action on this application is suspended for six months from the date of mailing of this decision. At the end of the period of suspension, or earlier if desired, applicant is requested to contact the examiner in writing or by facsimile transmission requesting resumption of prosecution in this application.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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